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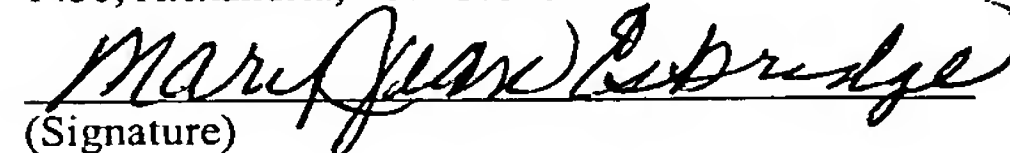
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Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified national patent application submitted herewith, applicants request entry of the following amendments.

**Amendments to the Description** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**The abstract** is attached hereto on a separate sheet of paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.